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QUOTE:

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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS - DRAFT MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING

REF: (A) STATE 201414, (B) STATE 203946, (C) REYKJAVIK 1293

. THIS IS SECOND IN SERIES OF TELEGRAMS ON WHICH URGENT
ANSWER REQUIRED BY 10 AM THURSDAY WASHINGTON TIME.

2. ANDERSEN SAID FONMIN WANTS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTAND-
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ING, AS REVISED BY REFTEL (B) TO BE FURTHER REVISED TO

ELIMINATE POINT 1(B) WHICH READS "DURING PEAK PERIODS OF SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY, THE UNITED STATES MAY TEMPORARILY AUGMENT THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE." HE WANTS TO GIVE US HIS ORAL ASSURANCE INSTEAD THAT WE CAN DO THIS. HE CLAIMS INCLUSION 1(B) WILL CAUSE HIM SOME POLITICAL UNPLEASANTNESS FROM THE COMMUNISTS IN ICELAND. MY RESPONSE WAS THAT WE MUST HAVE THIS IN WRITING SO THAT USG CANNOT BE LATER ACCUSED OF VIOLATING ITS COMMITMENT TO REDUCE MILITARY MANPOWER IF POINT 1(A) STOOD ALONE. I REMINDED ANDERSEN FONMIN AGREED TO CONCEPT OF INCLUSION 1(B) DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1973 NEGOTIATIONS AND I SAW NO REASON NOW TO BE MORE CAUTIOUS THAN UNDER PREVIOUS LEFTIST GOVT. I STATED FONMIN'S REQUEST IS INCONSISTENT WITH NEW GOVT'S DEFENSE PLATFORM. ANDERSEN AGREED WITH MY REMARKS BUT ASKED THAT IF FONMIN IS ADAMANT ON ELIMINATING THIS FROM MOU, WOULD USG CONSIDER INCLUDING IT INSTEAD IN THE MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD. ANSWER BY DEPT REQUIRED ON THIS.

3. ANDERSEN DID NOT RAISE OBJECTION TODAY TO THE WORDS "SEEK TO" IN 1(A) OF DRAFT MOU. I WILL ASSUME WE ARE WILLING TO LEAVE THEM IN OR ELIMINATE THEM, WHATEVER ANDERSEN WANTS.

4. COMMENT: BEING SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL ICELANDIC POLITICS AND THE FONMIN I SUGGEST WE INSIST NECESSARY TO HAVE 1(B) OF MOU IN WRITING IN SOME DOCUMENT. I AM CERTAIN FONMIN'S REQUEST IS NOT SHARED BY PRIMEMIN WITH WHOM I HAVE A MEETING THURSDAY 6AM WASHINGTON TIME. I SHALL MENTION IT TO HIM BUT I WOULD STILL LIKE TO HAVE DEPT'S RESPONSE TO FONMIN'S AND ANDERSEN'S QUESTIONS AS STATED ABOVE.
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